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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have brought out a booklet, `Milestones of Success`;

(b) if so, the details thereof ;

(c) the context under which Pakistan`s continuous hostility was mentioned in the booklet; and

(d) the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH)

(a) & (b) Yes. A booklet entiled `Milestones of Success` has been published by Directorate of Advertising and Visual Publicity(DAVP) in October, 2002, with a view to publicizing the Governments programmes/ highlight the achievements to reach the masses.

(c) Pakistan`s continuous hostility was mentioned in the context of highlighting the constraints under which initiatives of Indian foreign policy aimed at establishing ties of good neighbourliness, friendship and cooperation with Pakistan could not fulfil its desired objectives.

(d) India took several initiatives such as the Composite Dialogue which was initiated by India in 1998, Prime Minister Atal Behari Vajpayee went to Lahore in 1999 and President Pervez Musharraf was invited for summit level talks to Agra in July, 2001.However, Pakistan`s continued sponsorship and support for crossborder terrorism has prevented creation of a conducive atmosphere for meaningful dialogue. The international community has been appreciative of India`s position and concerns on cross-border terrorism